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HUGE sculptures will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at a special auction at Aynhoe Park.

More than 160 sculptural works by more than 21 artists will be sold by a new bespoke auctioneering company Farnon & Lake, which is aiming to bring a sense of theatricality to the saleroom at the estate near Banbury on Thursday, October 5.

Aynhoe Park, the home of dance party entrepreneur James Perkins, is a Palladian mansion that houses his personal collection of sculptures, including Grecian and Roman statuary and taxidermy works.

Many of the artists have created sculptures especially for the auction, which also offers the chance to buy Bushra Fakhoury's *Dunamis*, which is currently located at the end of Park Lane, London, and *Danse Gwenedour*, pictured, another of the Lebanese-born artist's works sited at Marble Arch.

Picture: Ed Shepherd Photography



HORTON FIGHT PICKS UP PACE

CAMPAIGNERS fighting against downgraded maternity services at the Horton General Hospital are furiously working to gather further evidence to support their case after a judge granted them a full hearing.

Campaigners and politicians celebrated on September 5 when they were granted an official three-day hearing to challenge Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) 'transformation plans'.

Cherwell District Council is leading the challenge, arguing that the consultation on the changes was inadequate, fundamentally flawed and confusing for people who wanted to have their say on the future of their healthcare.

Since the hearing, the chairman of the Keep The Horton General group, Keith Strangwood, said the group was sifting through mountains of paperwork, some of which had been withheld until now, to strengthen its case at the hearing in October or November.

He said: "We were not given enough information, papers were held until the last minute. Now it's our job to gather as much evidence as possible."

Mr Strangwood warned that the infrastructure at the Horton was being eroded, which would make it difficult to restore the services even if the challenge is successful. He said: "Staff have been leaving in droves and they haven't

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all transferred to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford as predicted.

"The JR is becoming over-stretched and under staffed. It's becoming unsafe."

"This is a county-wide issue that doesn't just affect Banbury."

"We said this would happen and we've been proven right."

Following the ruling, the chairman of watchdog Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Prof George Smith, raised concerns about the impact the decision to hold an inquiry will have on the process.

He added: "This is a very complicated situation. We do not know at the moment if the CCG has any legal obligation to suspend making changes to healthcare while we wait for the outcome of the full hearing."

"What we also have to remember is that it was the downgrading of maternity services at the Horton General Hospital which was met with dissent."

"The other changes being proposed, for example centralising acute stroke services, seemed to be agreed upon."

Last month the CCG approved the first phase of healthcare plans, including centralising acute stroke services, more bed closures and the permanent downgrade of maternity services at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury to a midwife-led unit.

CCG spokeswoman Sue Boyce said: "We are currently seeking clarification on the implications for implementing phase one of the Oxfordshire transformation plan following permission being granted for a judicial review of the consultation yesterday."

"However, we have already assured Oxfordshire's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) that while its referral process to the Health Secretary is ongoing, no permanent changes will be made to the obstetric unit at the Horton."

"As there are still not enough middle grade doctors available, the temporary closure of obstetric services at the Horton will remain in place; the temporary midwife led unit will continue to run with the current staffing model and provision of a dedicated ambulance."

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Extra cash for illegal parking fight welcome

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THE decision by Cherwell District Council to pay for extra policing out of its own pocket will give the fight against illegal parking a much-needed shot in the arm, according to a senior officer.

Last week it was announced Thames Valley Police will receive £60,000 from Cherwell District Council over two years to fight motorists parking illegally. The money will pay for a police community support officer (PCSO) to work full-time on clamping down on illegal parking.

But the move is unlikely to be copied in Oxford, where Oxfordshire County Council says it will continue control on-street parking enforcement, having done so since February 1997.

Supt Mark John, local police area commander for Cherwell and West Oxfordshire LPA, said: "Parking enforcement continues to be the responsibility of police in Cherwell and we welcome the decision by the council to set aside funding for additional resources to tackle this."

"The council has taken on board concerns from local residents around illegal parking and its decision will have an immediate impact on the problem in the district."

He added: "This additional funding will allow the police to have dedicated time, on top of our current resources, to prioritise illegal and inconsiderate parking, and promote good driver behaviour."

"This is in addition to our normal neighbourhood policing activity across the Cherwell area."

"When breaches of parking restrictions occur, such as parking on double yellow lines, when vehicles are parked dangerously or causing an unnecessary obstruction, this will be investigated."

When the move was confirmed, Cherwell District Council deputy leader George Reynolds said: "The district council is charged with ensuring the quality of life for people in Cherwell and this will have an immediate impact."

"This fund will be a boost in resources for neighbourhood police sergeants all over the district to tackle problems in their areas as they see fit."

Twenty years ago, the then Secretary of State for Transport Sir George Young gave the county council special powers to allow the decriminalisation of on-street parking.

It can enforce parking restrictions in controlled parking zones across the city, and enforces rules by employing a contractor.

MP launches free water refill scheme



Victoria Prentis MP with Brita Fill&Go bottle

SOME 20 local businesses in Banbury and Bicester have signed up to offer free tap water refills.

The new refill scheme was launched with the help of Banbury MP Victoria Prentis last week.

It is branded as a way of cutting litter levels and protecting the marine environment by reducing our reliance on disposable plastic water bottles.

The initiative seeks to connect thirsty people with cafes, shops and offices willing to offer free tap water refills.

Participating businesses register with an app and also place a sticker in their window alerting passers-by that they are a refill site, regardless of whether they are customers or not.

Research by Bicester-based business Brita UK – which is sponsoring the scheme – and Keep Britain Tidy earlier this year revealed that 59 per cent of us would be more likely to use a reusable water bottle if refills were more freely available in places such as shops, airports and parks.

Mrs Prentis said: "Disposable bottles can be so damaging to the environment, but they are often hard to avoid, especially when out and about. The simplest solutions are usually the most effective; refill enables people to do their bit while going about their everyday lives."

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New £6m care home with cinema set to open doors

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THE finishing touches have been added to a new £6m care home in central Banbury.

The 73-bed purpose built Highmarket House in North Bar Place will welcome its first residents from Monday, September 25.

Featuring a cinema and cafe, the new home has been designed to enable residents to live active and fulfilled lives whilst retaining their independence.

Owner Care UK said that it has designed the layout of the building to 'facilitate the creation of close-knit communities'.

Each bedroom will have an en suite bathroom, together with a flat-screen television, adjustable profile bed, and a 24-hour call system.

Before the new residents move in, the care home is opening its doors from Friday, September 22, to Sunday, September 24 and inviting people to see what it looks like inside.

Between 10am and 4pm, members of the public can drop in to take a tour around the completed care home, as well as meet the team at Highmarket House, including home manager Julia Hedley and customer relations manager, Sally Matthews.

Ms Matthews said: "We are looking forward to welcoming the first residents to their new home."

"We are really proud of the environment that has been created, and every last detail here has been considered to create a high-quality, luxury care home which will enable residents to live active and fulfilled lives."

"The open days will give visitors the chance to see the care home for themselves and to talk to the team, while also getting insight into what



Inside and outside Highmarket House; right, Julia Hedley and Sally Matthews day-to-day life will be like at Highmarket House.

"They can also find out more about the kind of activities that will be on offer."

Children from Dashwood Out of School Club have helped to name

the suites at the care home.

They will be known as the Cromwell Suite, after the Cromwell Lodge Hotel; the Ermont Suite, because Banbury is twinned with Ermont in France; the Bradley Suite, after Pc James Roy Bradley, who

was killed while on duty in Banbury in 1967; the Franklin Suite after Thomas Franklin, who is the grandson of Benjamin Franklin and buried in Banbury; and the Dashwood Suite, after the club itself.

Arrest after £1m cocaine bust

A MAN has been charged with a drugs offence after cocaine with an estimated street value of £1m was found in a car near Banbury.

Thames Valley Police charged John Brayley, 35, of Hollington Way, Shirley, Solihull, last Tuesday with one count of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs.

Officers found 10kg of cocaine in the car at junction 11 of the M40 on Tuesday.

The drugs are thought to be worth almost £1m if they had been sold on the street.

Brayley appeared at Banbury Magistrates' Court last Wednesday and was remanded in custody to appear on October 6 at Oxford Crown Court.

Hubs a success

HOLIDAY hubs in North Oxfordshire have been dubbed a success by Cherwell District Council after thousands of children took part over summer.

The council staged a number of hubs and more than 2,957 children signed up.

It has now announced the next October holiday booking slots for sessions in Bicester and Banbury will be launched on September 25.

For details see cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Gold for school

A 'FLOURISHING' sports programme at a private school has been given a top accolade.

Sibford School, between Chipping Norton and Banbury, has received fresh recognition from a Government-led scheme.

It was given a 'gold' rating for the School Games Mark programme, which rewards schools for championing sports and competitions. The award relates to activities during the 2016-17 academic year.

Headteacher Toby Spence said: "Sport continues to flourish at Sibford and I am delighted that the hard work and commitment of our team has been recognised."

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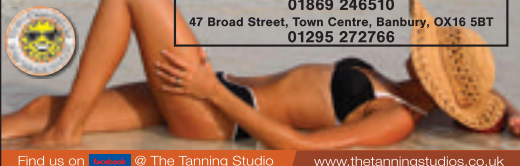
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Summer fete for Restore is all set to draw crowds

HUNDREDS are expected at a summer fete which will celebrate and raise awareness of the work done by an Oxfordshire charity.

This Saturday, Restore's Banbury Summer Fete will be attended by deputy town mayor Shaida Hussain.

She will open the charity's new sensory garden at The Orchard.

The charity's joint chief executive Mark Adams said: "Restore's Banbury Summer Fete has become a much-loved community event and we're excited to return in our 40th birthday year.

"When you reach a big birthday, it's a time for reflection as much as celebration.

"We have helped so many people, but there are so many more to support.

"Restore won't stop until everybody is free to live stigma-free lives and has equal access to recovery services.

"That's why this Banbury event and Restore's six recovery groups are so important.

Banbury deputy town mayor Ms Hussain said: "I'm thrilled to be opening Restore's new sensory garden.

"I'm sure it will be a great place to garden, take some quiet time and enjoy nature's beauty."

When the event was last held in 2015, 300 people attended and the signs are promising for another good turnout.

There will be number of attractions at The Orchard, including a tombola, a prize draw, a barbecue, cream teas and a best brownie making contest.

Mental health charity Restore runs six recovery groups across Oxfordshire.

The North Oxfordshire Recovery Group will hold Saturday's fun from 11am until 6pm.

B&B homes needed for charity's dogs in training



Dogs for Good trainer Emma Caswell with Silver the dog who is in training to be an assistance dog

A CALL has gone out for people to sign up as B&B-style fosterers for a charity's clever canines.

Dogs for Good, in Banbury, is urging volunteers to come forward to look after their assistance dogs in training, who are destined to help people with disabilities.

Volunteers are needed on a 'bed & breakfast' basis to look after dogs in the evenings and at weekends, giving them a well-earned rest from training.

Dogs for Good communications manager Sarah Watson said: "People are always unsure how

they would deal with saying goodbye.

"The dogs are all so amazing with a unique personality, you can't help but love them all.

"The first time I watched the result of the training and absolute commitment from the trainers, I had a tear in my eye and for many it is then when it all makes sense."

People thinking of signing up to look after the pups overnight will need to have an enclosed garden and be able to drop the dog off and pick it up from the Dogs for Good centre, which is in Blacklocks Hill.

Ms Watson said: "Dogs for Good makes life changing differences for people with disabilities.

"The charity's assistance dogs support adults and children with a range of disabilities, and children with autism."


B&B volunteers should be able to exercise dogs as required, not leave the dog for more than a four-hour period and have no more than two pet dogs.

They would be expected to look after the dog for about 16 to 18 weeks.


For more information visit dogsforgood.org

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Drink-driver guilty of injuring crash biker

Man, 46, convicted of dangerous driving after losing control of his car

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A DRINK-DRIVER who crashed into a motorcyclist, causing life changing injuries, has been convicted of two offences.

Arunas Kirilka, 46, of Kennington Road, Oxford, was convicted at Oxford Crown Court on Friday of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and driving whilst over the prescribed alcohol limit.

At about 5.50pm on July 12, Kirilka was driving his black Volvo S60 on Oxford Road, Ban-

bury, when he undertook another vehicle which was stationary at traffic lights near to the Horton Hospital.

As he pulled away, he lost control of his vehicle and careered into a central island, puncturing both offside tyres before colliding into the back of a motorbike.

The impact caused the motorcyclist to be thrown from his bike into the back of a stationary vehicle.

The motorcyclist, a man in his 40s, sustained a shattered pelvis, a shattered right shoulder and a punctured left lung.

He required surgery and has been left with life-changing injuries.

Following the collision, Kirilka was breathalysed at the scene, where he blew 84 microgrammes of alcohol per 100ml of breath.

He was arrested and taken to custody, where his reading went up to 93 microgrammes per 100ml of breath – the legal limit is 35mg.

Pc Neil Bowker of the roads policing unit based at Bicester, said: "The victim in this case who has shown great courage since suffering from these life-changing injuries.

"This conviction shows how seriously we take dangerous driving and driving whilst over the prescribed alcohol limit.

"I hope this case once again reiterates the dangers of drink driving, and acts as a deterrent for those who choose to drive whilst over the limit."

Kirilka has been remanded in custody and will appear at Oxford Crown Court on Friday, October 6, when he will be sentenced.

Health centre restaurant given top hygiene marks

Team at treatment unit delighted after earning highest possible five stars

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A TREATMENT centre based at the Horton General Hospital has been awarded the highest possible hygiene rating to the delight of its patients and staff.

The Horton NHS Treatment Centre in Banbury provides a number of services including pain management, spine and neck surgery, physiotherapy and cosmetic surgery.

It caters for private patients as well as those funded by the NHS, with enough room for 40 people to stay overnight and a day care unit as well.

The team said members of the public not being treated at the centre were even queuing up to use the restaurant at the centre.

The centre's head of catering, Freda Seath, said her team were 'incredibly pleased' all their hard work and dedication had paid off following the five-star rating.

She said: "It is absolutely brilliant that we have maintained our five star rating after this recent visit for the fifth year in a row.

"As always I am extremely proud of my team and the work they do."

"We ensure all inpatients have great quality food throughout their stay, as well as the queuing number of staff and members of the public that visit the restaurant for lunch on a daily basis."

The centre, run by private healthcare firm Ramsay Health Care UK, was visited by Cherwell District Council environmental health officers last month.

A routine check-up led inspectors to scoring the restaurant 'good' when it came to food hygiene and safety and 'very good' in terms of its structural compliance.

Inspectors also revealed they had 'high' confidence in management and trusted that high standards would continue in the future.

The catering team passed on comment from patients who had praised its quality and food and cleanliness.

One said: "Excellent food presented well on the plate and it was lovely to meet the catering staff."

Another said: "All the food that I ordered throughout my stay was cooked and served to a very high standard."



The catering team at Horton Treatment Centre, left, celebrating a five-star food hygiene award

patients said they were treated with dignity and respect, received answers from doctors and nurses they could understand and were satisfied with advice from on-site physiotherapists.

And 97.4 per cent of those surveyed said they would recommend it to friends and family.

In May this year a Care Quality Commission inspection rated the centre 'good'.

Chief inspector of hospitals, Professor Mike Richards, said: "We observed that patients were treated with kindness, compassion and dignity throughout our visit."

"We saw patient information leaflets explaining procedures and after care arrangements and the leadership, governance and culture promoted the delivery of high quality person-centred care."

County set to go more 'super fast'

OXFORDSHIRE will be at the 'forefront of digital connectivity in the UK' thanks to a Better Broadband programme, authorities have said.

Oxfordshire County Council said it would be looking to 'unlock' more Government funding to roll out superfast broadband to more homes.

It comes after the Government said the success of the national programme meant a total of up to £645m will be made available over the coming years to help take superfast broadband to the most remote and hard-to-reach places in the UK.

Digital minister Matt Hancock made the announcement which could see more than 900,000 extra UK homes and businesses gain access to superfast speeds after the end of this year, taking superfast coverage to 98 per cent of the nation.

A spokeswoman for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire Programme said superfast broadband coverage in the county was already at 94.97 per cent.

She added: "Oxfordshire is well positioned to be at the forefront of digital connectivity in the UK. Over 100,000 people in Oxfordshire are now using fibre broadband enabled by the Better Broadband programme, with take-up of services now at 49 per cent. We will be examining the potential to unlock more funding, as outlined by the Government."

Police measures are 'draconian'

THE Government needs to reverse 'draconian measures' against police, the chairman of the Thames Valley Police federation has said.

Police constable Craig O'Leary said officers in the region felt like they were doing a job with 'one hand tied behind our back' after the results of a force pay and morale survey were published.

PC O'Leary said the results of the PFEW annual Pay and Morale Survey had 'come as no surprise at all'. They revealed 87.2 per cent of respondents from TVP said they felt they were not paid fairly for the stresses and strains of the job, and 86.9 per cent said morale within the force was low.

PC O'Leary said: "This echoes with the pain that our officers are feeling right now. Their wages aren't keeping up with inflation so household budgets are now very tight."

"The Government needs to reverse the draconian measures they've been taking against the police. The police are here to do quite a unique job and at the moment we feel like we're doing it with one hand tied behind our back."

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'Outstanding' care puts home top in the country

First nursing home in England to score highest marks in five categories

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A NURSING home in Bloxham has become the first of its kind in England to be rated outstanding in every area by the Care Quality Commission.

Inspectors visited Godswell Park care home in July and found that it was 'outstanding' – the highest category – for being safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led and outstanding overall.

The Church Street home provides nursing care and support for older people, some of whom may be living with a variety of physical disabilities including Parkinson's disease, or who may be requiring palliative care.

Michael Bone, the chairman of Godswell Park, who set up the care home after struggling to find a place that could provide good care for his own mother, said that he felt it was a 'wonderful legacy for her'.

Mr Bone said: "Elderly people requiring nursing care are some of the most vulnerable in our society.



Godswell Park care home in Bloxham

"It is important that staff have ample time to support them individually so that each resident may continue to live as fulfilling a life as possible.

"To achieve this with an outstanding score means not only that this is happening, but that it is carried out to the highest standards, with kindness and care."

Although a very small number of other social care providers have been rated 'outstanding' in

all areas, Godswell Park is the only nursing home in England out of the 18,000 that are registered with CQC to achieve a score of outstanding in all five inspection areas.

Deborah Ivanova, the CQC's deputy chief inspector of adult social care, said: "Godswell Park is clearly an outstanding service where both care delivery and the physical environment are designed around meeting people's needs

in a way that makes their lives full and meaningful. We observed staff demonstrating kindness, respect and compassion by focusing on the well-being of people and going above and beyond their duties.

"It is encouraging to see a service where the care provided is of such high quality. The service demonstrates a real commitment to innovation and using technology to improve the lives of people in the service."

Campaign raises allergy awareness

COUNCILLORS in Cherwell have backed a national campaign to raise awareness of allergy support in restaurants.

Cherwell District Council has pledged its support to ensuring food and drink outlets are clued up on the information they need to provide for those who have severe allergies.

Cherwell District Council lead member for public protection and community services Kieron Mallon said the rare severe allergic reactions reported to the council backed up the need to ensure restaurant customers are given the right information.

He added: "When Cherwell officers inspect food businesses they make sure that business owners and operators are aware of their responsibility in providing consumers, particularly those who suffer from specific allergies.

"With the right information in order that they can make informed choices about what they eat.

"That is backed up by the rarity of severe allergic reactions reported to us.

"Allergies can be fatal, but it's important for businesses to understand that good practice not only saves lives it can be good for business by encouraging greater confidence in their service."

A change to the Food Information Regulations 2014 (FIR) legislation required all food businesses to provide customers with information about certain ingredients known to cause allergic reactions.

The 14 major allergens which must be declared to customers are cereals containing gluten, crustaceans, molluscs, eggs, fish, peanuts, soybeans, milk, certain nuts, celery, mustard, sesame, sulphur dioxide and lupin.

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VICTORIA & ABDUL (PG, 112 mins) Drama/Comedy. Dame Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Eddie Izzard, Adeel Akhtar, Tim Pigott-Smith, Paul Higgins, Olivia Williams, Julian Wadham, Michael Gambon. Director: Stephen Frears
 TWENTY years ago, Judi Dench beautifully captured the aching loneliness and dignity of Queen Victoria in John Madden's exquisite biographical drama, *Mrs Brown*.

The diminutive national treasure effortlessly slips back into the regal garb of Queen Victoria for Stephen Frears' heart-warming drama torn from a long-lost page in history.

"Based on real events... mostly" declares an opening title card, raising the curtain on a comfortably warm and cosy script by Lee Hall (*Billy Elliot*), who has adapted the book of the same title by Shrabani Basu.

Set during the final five years of Victoria's turbulent reign, Frears' picture touches upon some of the same themes as Dench's earlier portrayal of the grief-stricken monarch, albeit with more humour. Mrs Lighter Brown, if you will.

The year is 1887 and Queen Victoria (Dench) is comfortably installed as Empress of India, although she has never visited the domain for fear of assassination.

In Agra, two lowly men – Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal) and Mohammed (Adeel Akhtar) – are chosen by British authorities to present the monarch with a ceremonial gold coin called a mohur.

They travel to Windsor Castle and receive a crash course in royal etiquette from groom-in-waiting Alick Yorke (Julian Wadham).

Soon after, Abdul catches Victoria's eye and the visitor is rapidly promoted to the monarch's spiritual advisor or 'Munshi'.

A relationship of mutual appreciation blossoms between

Victoria and Abdul, to the consternation of her son and heir apparent Bertie (Eddie Izzard), as well as private secretary Sir Henry Ponsonby (Tim Pigott-Smith), personal physician Dr Reid (Paul Higgins) and Prime Minister Lord Salisbury (Michael Gambon).

Victoria & Abdul is a bittersweet and irresistibly charming chocolate box, filled predominantly with soft emotional centres

Twinkly-eyed Dench is flawless, capturing the isolation and despair of her overweight, cantankerous ruler as well as Victoria's steely resolve when her son threatens to seize the throne by having her declared insane.

MOTHER! (18, 121 mins) Thriller/Horror/Romance. Jennifer Lawrence, Javier Bardem, Ed Harris, Michelle Pfeiffer, Domhnall Gleeson, Brian Gleeson. Director: Darren Aronofsky

THE lower-case lettering and exclamation point of Darren Aronofsky's twisted psychological thriller reflect the Oscar-nominated writer-director's nightmarish vision: intriguing, pretentious, confusing and ultimately pointless.

A young woman (Lawrence) settles into the country home she shares with her husband (Javier Bardem), an acclaimed poet struck down with crippling writer's block.

Their house has been lovingly rebuilt after a devastating fire and the young wife has taken on the responsibility of interior designing the property by hand.

The lovebirds are situated far from their closest neighbours and seem content to languish in the rut of their day-to-day existence.

One night, an enigmatic stranger (Ed Harris) – an orthopaedic surgeon with a hacking cough – arrives unannounced, mistakenly



Dame Judi Dench as Queen Victoria in *Victoria and Abdul* and Ali Fazal as Abdul Karim; inset, Jennifer Lawrence as Mother and Javier Bardem as Him in *Mother!*

believing the couple's home to be a guesthouse. The husband offers the man lodgings.

The next day, the visitor's waspish wife (Michelle Pfeiffer) materialises and violence percolates beneath the surface, exacerbated by the arrival of the surgeon's feuding sons.

The young woman of the house grows increasingly unnerved by the presence of outsiders in her carefully ordered world and she slowly relinquishes her slender grasp on reality.

Mother! is an artfully constructed, elliptical conundrum that invites us to become gob-smacked voyeurs as a talented filmmaker pleasures himself for two hours.

Cake Bookworm

The Boy With The Perpetual Nervousness: A Memoir Of An Adolescence by Graham Caveney is published in hardback by Picador, priced £12.99 (ebook £8.54)

A THOUGHTFUL tale about music, class, religion and sexual abuse in 1970s and 1980s Accrington. Caveney, who has previously written books about William Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg, describes being groomed by a charismatic priest and headteacher, who enticed him by offering a cultural education rather than a bag of sweets. But this is no misery memoir. Caveney writes about the way he was manipulated rather than giving horrific details of the abuse and he skims over the alcohol problems, nervous breakdowns and suicide attempts which followed. It is harrowing subject matter, yet the gripping story is easy to read as it is written in short bursts, punctuated by song

lyrics and quotes from literature which are Caveney's specialisms in his freelance work. The book's title comes from a 1980 The Feelies album track with the lyrics "The boy next door is into bigger things, The boy next door is me" – summing up the young Graham's aspirations. His parents were also ambitious for him and proud the priest had taken such an interest in their clever son. It is particularly sad Caveney never felt able to tell them the awful truth he reveals here.

American War by Omar El Akkad is published in hardback by Picador, priced £14.99 (ebook £8.54)

OMAR EL AKKAD is an award-winning journalist who was born in Egypt, grew up in Qatar and Canada, and now lives in Portland, Oregon. He has reported firsthand on the Afghanistan War, Guantanamo Bay and the Arab Spring, and it's clear that personal experience has provided much

inspiration for his debut novel. The book is set in late 21st century America, among the tumultuous backdrop of a second Civil War. Parts of the southern and eastern states are under water due to rising sea levels, the use of fossil fuels is outlawed and millions have been killed or displaced due to the conflict between north and south. We follow the story of Sarat Chestnut who, following the death of her father, helps her family survive in a displacement camp on the Tennessee border, and eventually becomes a pawn in the war herself. The comment being made on the policies and actions of the Trump administration is impossible to miss in this engaging and well-written novel. Though obviously far-fetched in places, it paints a disturbingly bleak picture of the potential future of humanity if action on climate change and the divisions in our society are not addressed now.

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Health services at 'tipping point'

The ageing population will mean an extra 200,000 people in county by 2030

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OXFORDSHIRE's growing and ageing population is at 'tipping point', with nearly 200,000 extra people predicted in the county by 2030.

The county's director of public health, Dr Jonathan McWilliam, said the way services are run needs to change to prevent a crisis in people's access to health and social care.

Predictions for the next 15 years show the number of people over the age of 65 will increase by 53 per cent and those over the age of 85 will increase by 96 per cent.

And although the fact that people are living longer 'should be shouted from the rooftops', Dr McWilliam hopes his independent report will be the catalyst for change in the provision of services.

He said: "The biggest challenge is the increase in the number of people in the county and the number of people that will be here in the years to come."

"This issue has been with us for the last decade. The problem is this creeps up on us, it happens in slow motion and we do not take notice until we reach this tipping point where older services need to be replaced with new ones."

The tenth annual public health re-

Dr Jonathan McWilliam and Oxfordshire County Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles hold the tenth annual public health report at County Hall



port predicts an additional 183,900 residents will be in the county by 2030.

And the challenge of managing a growing population is made even harder by a raft of other problems, he warns.

Crippling house prices are affecting recruitment in health and social care - a problem which needs to be addressed to cope with the growing demand.

Dr McWilliam said: "It is becoming

increasingly difficult to recruit the staff we need to fill nursing, caring and ancillary posts.

"In the last few weeks I attended meetings where the hospital and social care services were spelling this out very clearly.

"Some hospital wards are for example reported to be running with 25 per cent vacancies."

Oxford is the least affordable city with house prices being 16.7 times higher than annual earnings, on a

par with London, and bosses warn they might need to look beyond the county to towns like High Wycombe to find enough affordable for housing for the influx of extra workers.

Dr McWilliam added: "Other options such as building hostels for workers are also being explored.

"We have identified the problem, we have reached a tipping point and we have to work together to find a solution, even if we do not know exactly what that solution is yet."

Some developments for key worker housing have been proposed, such as 83 homes at William Morris Close in Temple Cowley but many more would be needed to cope with the extra demand.

Dr McWilliam is also calling for more joined-up thinking in housing developments, stating that the focus needs to be on how people can live a healthier life in their community.

He added: "The key message is: health is planning and planning is health."

"Of course every development is different, some are large and some are small.

"But there are some basic principles in terms of dementia-friendly streets, cycle and pedestrian lanes that can be carried through all new developments."

In order to tackle the 'whole raft of issues' Dr McWilliam is calling for central government, organisations and residents themselves to come together and work towards an overhaul in the way services are provided.

He added: "We have never been in this situation before, which is why we do not have all the solutions to hand right away."

"But I think we have time for organisations to find out what they need to do, we are recognising and reacting to that tipping point."

"This is all about teamwork from central government, local organisations and individuals themselves."

"The whole point of public health is understanding change in society takes a long time, we are turning the Titanic."

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Events

THURSDAY

19th Century Food in Oxford – Beer, Sausages and Marmalade: Community Centre, Lamborough Hill, Wootton. A talk by Liz Woolley, organised by the Wootton and Dry Sandford History Society. 7pm. Visitors £4. 01865 326527.

Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Car park opposite Dr Radcliffe's Primary School, Steeple Aston. A leisurely seven-mile circular walk via Middle Aston and Somerton, with the opportunity to pick blackberries en route. Walk leaders, Mary & Barry Whitehead. 10am. 07906 895064.

Compton Verney – Past, Present and Future: Banbury Museum, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury. With Prof Steven Parissien, Director of Compton Verney museum and gallery. 7.30pm. £3. 01295 753 752.

'Painting like Turner': Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon. Christina Wartke-Dunbar will talk to Abingdon Artists about the work of Turner, looking especially at his watercolours. 7.30pm. Free for members, £4 for non members. 01235 528813.

The Arts Society West Oxfordshire: Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. Lecture by Sue Jenkins on Mosaics of Ravenna. 7.30pm. Guests and visitors £6. 01993 776568.

Walk for Health: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 10am. Free. 01235 771447.

Witney Folk Dance Club: Madley Park Hall, Northfield Farm Lane Off Harvest Way, Witney. Learn and enjoy English country dancing. 8pm. £3.00 includes Raffle. 01993 705961.

FRIDAY

Friends of O.S.C.A.R Charity Fashion Show and pop-up shop: Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot. For a small Didcot based charity that supports children diagnosed with brain and/or spinal tumours and their families. 7pm. £5. 01235 816310.

Knit Knot & Natter: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 1.30pm. Free but asked to support the museum cafe. 01235 771447.

Open Garden @ Bridewell Gardens: The Walled Garden, Wilcote, North Leigh. Bridewell Gardens and Vineyard is a therapeutic horticulture project that provides a recovery service through land-based activities for people with mental health issues. Plants, teas and Bridewell produce and products will be for sale. 2pm. £3.50, children free. 01993 868313.

All Saints' Singers: The Matrix Art Centre, 15-17 The Nursery, Sutton Courtenay. A friendly community choir. First term free to new members. The new programme includes Saint Saens' Christmas Oratorio. Free. 7.30pm. For details see allsaintssingers.org 01235 848997.

Wantage Country Market: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. Wantage WI. 9.30am. Free. 01235 771447.

SATURDAY

Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Car park, Great Tew. A moderately difficult 10-mile circular walk starting at the car park in Great Tew, walking via South Newington and Barford St. Michael. Bring a packed lunch. Walk leader, Mary Gough. 10am. 07939 826412.

Charlbury Street Fair: Church Street, Charlbury. Children's fancy dress, primary school dancers, art exhibition, fun fair, classic cars, pig roast, morris dancers, teas, stalls, games and more. See charlburystreetfair.org 1.30pm. Free. 01608 810025.

Chesterton Church Fete: St Mary's Church, Alchester Road, Chesterton. Village fete with stalls and try your hand at archery. 2pm. Free. 01869 244256.

Dances from 15th Century Renaissance Italy: All Saints' Youth and Community Hall, Roman Place, Didcot. Learn the social dances of the age with Philippa Waite. No partner needed and beginners welcome. 12.30pm. See ohds.org.uk £25. 01225 344353.

Friends of Waterperry Garden Plant Sale: Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Wheatley. Annual plant sale plus produce, and cakes, tombola and book stall. 10.30am. Free. 01865 764295.

Sunshine Cat Rescue Book Sale: Tolsey Museum Burford, 126 High Street, Burford. 9am. Free. 01993 831279.

Tea Dance: Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham. Hosted by Dementia Oxfordshire. 2pm. £3.50. 07584 148509.

Walk (Fieldpaths): White Horse Hill, car park (NT fee payable), Wiltshire. SU293866 5.5 miles. A hilly walk taking in part of the Lambourn Valley Walk and the Gallops, with fine views. Bring refreshments for en route break. Assistance dogs only. 10am. 07934 015179.

SUNDAY

Country Crafts & Skills at the Mill: Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe. 10am. £7.50, concs and children £6, under 5s free. 01993 358 694.

Craft Fair: Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Old Didcot Road Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford. 10am. Buyers entry 50p. 01491 833938.

Forever Hounds Trust Tea Party and Fun Dog Show: Buscot Park, Buscot Park, Faringdon. 11am. Suggested donation £5. 0300 011 1100.

Leafield Chillifest: Leafield, The Green, Leafield. Chilli products and cook-off, children's games and live music from Rough Cut Ruby (2-4pm). 11am. Free. 01993 868343.

Leafield Village Wide Garage Sale: Leafield Village. Maps available on the green, Leafield. Garage and car boot sale. 10am. Free.

National Garden Scheme: Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry. Wheelchair access. Plant sale. Home-made tea. 10am. £7.50, children free. 01844 339226.

Ramblers walk: Village Hall car park, Chilton. Ten-mile walk via the Ilsleys. Bring a picnic. 10am. 01865 423555.

The Stately Car Boot Sale: Cornbury Park, Park Street, Charlbury. In aid of ROSY (Respite Care for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters.). 9am. £5 entrance, £50 pitch.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Oxford Railway Station, Main Forecourt, Oxford. SP505064 5.5 miles A circular walk along Willow Walk up Raleigh Park Hill, through the Golf Course Nature Trail returning via South Hinksey and Thames Path. Bring refreshments for en route break. Crossing the A34 via bridge and underpass. Assistance dogs only. 10.30am. 07711 564311.

MONDAY

Local History Talk: Kennington Methodist Church, Upper Road, Kennington. An illustrated talk by Julie Ann Godson entitled 'Memories Of The Vale: The story of the lost way of life before the railways came to the countryside'. 7.45pm. Visitors £2.50. 01865 739208.

Masons Apron Northwest Morris: Recreation Hall. Main Street, Long Hanborough. 8.15pm. £5 annual fee plus £3 per week. 01993 200717.

Women's Self Defence and Fitness Class: The Pavilion, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough. Ages from 13 upwards welcome. 8pm. £5. 07834 022463.

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TUESDAY

Banbury and District Caledonian Society – Scottish Country Dancing: Hanwell Fields Community Hall, Rotary Way, Banbury. 7.15pm. Annual subs £8 plus £2 per night attended. 07866 465533.

Demonstration of Animals in Pastels by Eric Watson: Centre70, Kinicroft, Goldsmith Lane, Wallingford. 7.30pm. 01491681400.

Ocean Film Festival World Tour: Amey Theatre, Park Road, Abingdon. A new selection of the world's most amazing ocean films. 7.30pm. £13/£11.50. 01235 849063.

Ramblers walk: Carfax Tower, Oxford. Six-mile walk around central Oxford with a pub stop at the end. Unsuitable for dogs. 10am. 01865 761253.

Square Dancing: Stevenston Village Hall, The Green, Stevenston. Square & Contra Dancing. 7.30pm. £3. 01235 834778.

Tea Dance: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. 2pm. £2. 01993 811473.

The Unfolding Tragedy in Yemen: Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon. Abingdon Peace Group. With speaker Jonathan Puddifoot. 8pm. Free but £3 donation welcome. 07786 055195.

WEDNESDAY

Grove RFC Ladies Rugby: Grove RFC, Recreation Lane, Grove. 7pm. Free after tent £70 annual membership. 07970 292322.

The People's Power Station: St Ethelwold's House, 30 East St Helen Street, Abingdon. Low Carbon CEO, Barbara Hammond talks about the LCH's projects. 7.30pm. Free but £3 donation welcome. 07786 055195.

Undressing Antiques by Mark Hill: Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon. The Arts Society Abingdon monthly lecture. 2pm. Non-members £6. 01235 523370.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Park in Townsend or nearby village streets, Barford St Michael. SP436324 6.5 miles. A hilly circular walk to Over Worton and Nether Worton, with fine views and passing Ilbury Hill Fort. Bring refreshments for en route break. Assistance dogs only. 10am. 07855 170592.

Music

THURSDAY

Joe's Bar & Grill, 260 Banbury Road, Oxford: Nick Breakspear. Classic covers from Black Hats frontman. 8pm. Free.

Truck Store, 101 Cowley Road, Oxford: Zaia. Acoustic & DJ set from local reggae-fusion ensemble. 6pm. Free.

FRIDAY

Boathouse, High Street, Wallingford: Joe Holic. Free. 9pm. 01491 834100.

GWRSA Club, Station Road, Didcot: The Howlin' Taildraggers. Didcot Red Hot Blues. £6. 8.30pm. 07788 645989.

The Northcourt (Abingdon United), Northcourt Road, Abingdon: Flash. Queen and Freddie Mercury tribute. £12 advance, £14 on the door. 7.30pm. 01235 203203.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Thomas Truax. £12 in

advance, £14 on the door. 8pm. 01865 263990.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Folk Club open night. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

The Mad Hatter, 43 Iffley Road, Oxford: Benjamin Yellowitz, Anthony Elvin, Lisa Doscher. Ambient multi-instrumentalist and producer plus folk artists. 8pm. £4.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Blushes, Demoiselles, The Shades, Lost Darren. Indie rock, rhythm & blues & folk-punk. 8pm. £5.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Chapter And Verse, Wars, Perception, Lest We Forget. Alt-rockers on UK tour. 6.30pm. £9.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Destroyers. Gypsy Balkan big band. 11pm. £10.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: James Yuill. Electro-folk. 7.30pm. £10 (adv).

The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury: Martin Turner. Wishbone Ash's lead vocalist tours his solo album. 8pm. £19.

SATURDAY

Brewery Tap, Ock Street, Abingdon: Big Azza and the Jukesters. Free. 9pm. 01235 521655.

Cricketers, Temple Road, Cowley: Pete Fryer Band. Free. 9pm. 01865 718459.

Dorchester Abbey, High Street, Dorchester on Thames: Carmina Burana. £25/£20/£15. 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

Hook Norton Baptist Church, Netting Street, Hook Norton: Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir. £10, concessions £8. 7.30pm. 01608 730453.

The Great Barn, Manor Farm, Fingest, Henley on Thames: Fingest Great Barn Opera. A performance by the Diva Opera. £75 to include picnic table. 6pm. 01491 638474.

The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford: Tom Williams. Plus Little Red and Old Swing. £8 adv (+bf) / £10 on the door. 7.30pm. 01865 311775.

The Swan Inn, Shipton Road, Ascott-Under-Wychwood: Na-Mara plus support from Edward Naysmith. Wychwood Folk Club. £10 in advance, £12 on the door. 7.30pm. 01993 831427.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: K-Lacura, Obzidian, Kontek. Rock/metal. 7.45pm.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Westernman. Singer-songwriter on UK tour. 7.30pm. £6.50 (adv).

SUNDAY

Rose And Crown, 14 North Parade Avenue, Oxford: Just Friends Quartet. Jazz. 7pm-9pm. Free.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Monkey Fists, Beard Of Destiny, Brown Glove, Duo Cani, Wild Phoenix. 3pm. Downstairs bar. Free.

MONDAY

Rose Revived, Newbridge, Witney: Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited. Jazz. 7.30pm. Free.

Sandy's Piano Bar, 4 King Edward Street, Oxford: Tom Pilling Jazz Funk Trio. 8.30pm. Free.

TUESDAY

The White Hart Wolvercote, 126 Godstow Road, Wolvercote: English

Folk Ensemble. Free. 8.30pm. 01865 511978.

St Aldate's Tavern, 108 St Aldate's, Oxford: Osprey & Friends. Local rockers. 8pm. Free.

WEDNESDAY

Amey Theatre, Park Road, Abingdon: ROH Live: The Magic Flute. £12 / £10. 7.15pm. 01235 849063.

The Comrades Club, Newbury Street, Wantage: Zeldas Jazz Style presents an evening of New Orleans style Jazz by The Delta Six. £11. 8pm. 01235 765648.

The Handle Bar@ Bike Zone, 28-32 St Michaels Street, Oxford: Christopher Paul Stelling. American folk singer-songwriter. 7.30pm. £9.

The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Parting Gift, Mercia. Grunge/punk. 7pm. £5 (adv).

Theatre

Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Until Sep 16, *The Tiger's Bride*. 7.30pm. £10. Sep 19-20, *The Man I Live With*. 7.30pm. £10. 01865 305305.

Chipping Norton Theatre, 2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton: Sep 15, *Laughing for Lawrence*. Miles Jupp, Mark Steele, Lloyd Langford and Pippa Evans in comedy fundraiser for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. 7.45pm. £25. 01608 642350.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Sep 16, Chris Kent, Mike Gunn, John Lynn and Stephen Carlin. Glee Comedy. 6.30pm. £15.95, £10 (student). 01865 810000.

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Sep 14, *Team Viking*. 7.30pm £12/£10. Sep 19-23, *Ada & The Engine*. Lauren Gunderson's play is full of vitality and humanity, breathing life into this important figure in modern science: Ada Lovelace. 7.30pm. £15/£13. 01865 263990.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Sep 14-16, *Flown*. The magical world of the circus backstage. 7.30pm. £11.50-£25. Sep 18-24, *The Wipers Times*. The extraordinary true story of the satirical newspaper created in the Somme. 7.30pm. £15-£37.50. 01865 305305.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Sep 14, *John Bishop – Winging It*. 8pm. £33.65 plus £2.85 transaction fee. Sep 16, *Nights on Broadway: The Bee Gees Story*. 7.30pm. £25.90 plus £2.85 transaction fee. Sep 17, *Tap Factory*. 7.30pm. £19.15-£31.65 plus £4 transaction fee. Sep 18-23, Flashdance. 7.30pm. £20.40-£50.90 plus £4 transaction fee. 0844 871 3020.

The North Wall, South Parade, Summertown: Sep 15, *Sarah Kendall: One-Seventeen*. 8pm. £10-£14. Sep 20-22, *Kanye The First*. 8pm. £10-£14. 01865 319450.

Cornerstone Arts Centre, Station Road, Didcot: Sep 16, *A Night of Dirty Dancing*. 7.30pm. £19, concs £17, members £15.20. Sep 21-23, *Nocturnes*. A multi-media twist on a 50s spy thriller set during the height of the cold war. 7.30pm. £14. 01235 515144.

The Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon-on-Thames: Sep 13-16, *When We Are Married*. By JB Priestley. BreakaLeg productions. 7.30pm. Weds and Thurs £8/Fri and Sat £10. 01235 821351.

The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Sep 14, *Growth*. A comedy about growing up and manning up from critically acclaimed writer Luke Norris. 7.30pm. £14/£12. Sep 16, *The Owl and The Pussycat*. Two- to 11-year-olds, families, and children with special needs. 11am and 1pm. £9. 01295 279002.

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Puritans' perfect league start ends

Late goals in vain as former leaders go down against Frome



Jefferson Louis's late goal was just a consolation

LEADERS Banbury United saw their 100 per cent record ended with a 4-3 home loss to Frome Town. Despite a late rally, the Puritans fell to third in the Evo-Stik South Premier Division. Frome took the lead in the fourth minute when George Miller drove home from eight yards after a save from home keeper Jack Harding. Tom Winters had an equaliser ruled out for offside before Frome doubled their lead in the 25th minute when Darren Jefferies rounded Harding. Banbury pulled a goal back in the 37th minute, when Tom Bradbury scored after a one-

FOOTBALL

two with Conor McDonagh. Frome regained their two-goal lead three minutes after the break when Jon Davies finished off after a dazzling run from Jake Jackson. Banbury's Ravi Shamsi struck a post before Davies made it 4-1 in the 72nd minute. The Puritans set up an exciting finish when Jefferson Louis and substitute Leam Howards scored headed goals in the last three minutes. **Banbury Utd:** Harding, Hawtin, Bradbury, Nash, Johnson, Carnell, Shamsi, Pond (Westbrook 55), Louis, McDonagh (Howards 73), Winters (Peake-Pijnen 55). Subs (not used): Self, Humphreys. **Attendance:** 453.

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Matt Goode scores one of his three tries Picture: Simon Grieve

Bulls just too Goode

MATT Goode's hat-trick of tries helped Banbury secure a second-successive bonus-point home win with a 68-12 romp against rivals Bicester. The result saw Bulls go top of South West 1 East after two games and lift the Sam Miller Memorial Trophy. Tommy Gray and George Grieve crossed early on. Chris Phillips bundled over and the bonus point was secured when Grieve sprinted into make it 26-0. Head coach Goode touched

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down under the posts and it was soon 47-0 as Sam Stoop and Ed Phillips crossed. Both sides were reduced to 14 men and Bicester finally got off the mark through Christian Mann dived over. Dan Spencer scored for the visitors, but there was still time for Goode (2) and Freddie Cracknell to score, with Ed Phillips converting nine of the ten tries.

STARS with Claire Petulengro

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

You are finding it harder to get on with certain close ones than you thought. I know you feel responsible and somewhat guilty, but you have to remember that it takes two to tango and aspects really do suggest that you have been a victim of emotional blackmail. Places you plan to visit prove how much you want to make your life fun again. Ring now to get back in the driving seat.

0906 585 4360

LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Your house of love is highlighted and you no longer feel worried about the future but instead focus on making your life the best it can be. This is also a day which can see many of your sign embracing others' work ideas. New paths open up to you and life and love start to feel more balanced than they have all year. Ring now to hear more about this magic the stars are casting over your life.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Trust in the instincts which Mercury is giving you as they will support you and ensure that you only go forward not back. Too much time thinking about the past has been and continues to be bad for you. Getting a better sense of what you want from your future comes with mixing with those who give you more pleasure than pain. Ring now to hear how big you can afford to dream this year.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

The words you say today will go a lot further than you think, so make the effort to talk to those you've been avoiding. It can make all the difference as to how those around you treat you. News of a split in your circle makes you feel relieved and also gives you a new window of opportunity which wasn't an option before. Ring now so I can give you a full reading.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

The moon is your new best friend today and helps you to make up for lost time in love. There is a cheeky air about you which can see you obtaining things which yesterday others would have said no to. Try not to ask for, or take more than is fair. Others will see what you've done once the mists of persuasion have cleared. Ring now to hear why you must not be late for anything this week.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Past issues are still waiting to be resolved but may be hard to put someone from your past behind you for good as they meant so much to you. What you need to do is compare how long they made you happy to the amount of time they made you sad. Being totally honest with your answer is the key to working out your next move. Ring now for an exciting work prediction.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Set yourself free from your past and you will clear the way for a new future. You have been allowing what happened to hold you back and it's time to get your priorities in order. Better times await financially if you are willing to face where the issues lie. You can successfully reach better agreements which work for you instead of against you. Ring now so I can tell you how.

0906 585 4365

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

You have been speaking without thinking and now you have to clear up the mess you have made. Luckily for you Mars is giving you the ability to do so quickly and calmly. A better home life begins, but you're going to have to be willing to meet close ones half way. Compromise is the key. Use it well my friend. Ring now for your future to be revealed.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

You have the ability to attract the attention of some unusual faces, which should see you facing some really alternative experiences in the days ahead. Know how high your standards should be though my friend and don't drop them for anyone. You've worked hard to come back from where you were previously. Ring my starline now so I can help you to keep it that way.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

No problem is too small to be shared. You've just become anxious because you were sharing your worries with those who don't know how to help you. Today brings you more clarity and strength, so use it to focus on finding those who can help you search for solutions and resolutions. Scorpio bring gossip not to be acted upon. Ring now to find out what else your future has in store.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

You have the feeling that something important is going to happen. You're not wrong. What is important most of all on this journey you're on is that you are the one who stays in the driving seat. Others will be trying to prevent this today. Keep manners to the fore, it will help you feel like you're the bigger person. Ring now to hear how Saturn brings brilliant business ideas.

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Nina Stanley and Chris Wright in their new home



Couple ditches urban life for bucolic dream

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A COUPLE has swapped life in a commuter town for the North Oxfordshire countryside.

Nina Stanley, 26, and Christopher Wright, 36, moved out to be closer to friends and relatives.

Mr Wright said: "Some mornings, I wake up to a field of horses; others to the sound of the church bells."

They opted for a three-bedroom Hadley-style home on the David Wilson Homes Deddington Grange development in Deddington.

As well as the tranquility, the pair say they value the county's transport links.

Mr Wright works as a head of engineering project delivery for Tesco in Welwyn Garden City, while Ms Stanley works in Luton and London as an international new markets manager for Costa Coffee.

She said: "We chose this location due to the beautiful village, but also the excellent transport links and amenities nearby."

"The links to the motorway network are great and it's easy to access the M40 and M1."

"The train system for Oxford Parkway is also ideal to get to London."

This is the couple's first home and they used the Help to Buy scheme to complete the purchase.

Ms Stanley said: "Our experience as first-time buyers was brilliant. The sales advisers have helped us through the process and, of course, Help to Buy was invaluable in getting us on to the property ladder."

Steve Barton, a senior sales manager for David Wilson Homes, said: "It is great to hear that Nina and Chris have settled in and are enjoying the combination of village life and a convenient commute."

"Deddington Grange is a truly beautiful development and the homes are made with gorgeous Cotswold stone, in keeping with the local area."

Homes with three, four or five bedrooms are for sale at Deddington Grange, with prices starting from £375,000.

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£450,000



Hobby Road

An immaculate 2 bedroom property situated in the popular Longford Park development. Comprising entrance hall, cloak room, kitchen, lounge/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage off road parking, front and rear gardens.

£240,000



St Mary's View

A 3 bedroom town house within walking distance to town center. Comprising: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, C/R, family bathroom, 3 bedrooms with en-suite to master. Outside there is off road parking and rear courtyard garden.

£240,000



Cherry Close

A spacious three bedroom family home situated in the sought after village of Bloxham comprising: Entrance porch; Entrance hall; Lounge/diner; Kitchen; Three bedrooms; Bathroom; Garage; Off road parking; Front and rear gardens.

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Verney Road

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Peoples Place

A large two bedroom apartment with allocated parking. Entrance hall open plan kitchen and living room. The property benefits from integrated appliances. There are two double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes. Good size bathroom with bath and shower and WC. Situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

£182,500



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Broughton Road

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Bretch Hill

Martin & Co are pleased to present a one bedroom fully furnished double room in a shared house conveniently situated within walking distance to the town centre and train station.

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Tarragon Walk

A spacious two bedroom apartment on the Hanwell Fields estate. This property benefits from two double bedrooms and allocated parking and a garage. Fully fitted kitchen and spacious lounge. Double bedrooms. Good access for M40 links. Walking distance to the shops and schools. EPC rating: C

825 pcm



Broome Way

Martin & Co are pleased to present this new to the market one bedroom apartment with allocated parking. Ideal for a single professional or couple.

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Springfield Avenue

Martin & Co are pleased to present a new to the market three / four bedroom semi detached house with off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. The property comprises a large kitchen with fridge freezer; living room; downstairs bedroom with separate bathroom and shower; upstairs there are three bedrooms and a family size bathroom. EPC Rating: D

1150 pcm



Booth Road

A fantastic two bedroom house available in Hanwell Fields. The property comprises; kitchen; living room; bathroom with bath and shower and two bedrooms. Allocated parking and close to local shops and schools and excellent transport links.

850 pcm



Browning Road

A spacious new to the market unfurnished two bedroom bungalow. Garage parking available.

900 pcm



Padbury Drive

Martin & Co are pleased to present a spacious two bedroom ground floor apartment with allocated parking close to the town centre and train station. Entrance hall leads to separate kitchen; living room; two double bedrooms; master bedroom with ensuite; second bathroom with a bath. The property is within walking distance to local shops and the train station.

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**SHENNINGTON** £1,850 pcm

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| porch | entrance hall | dining hall/study | lounge | conservatory | second reception room | good sized kitchen/breakfast room with white goods | utility room | master bedroom with en-suite bathroom | three further double bedrooms | single bedroom | integrated double garage | good sized garden with large raised patio area | off street parking for two vehicles.

Energy Rating D

Unfurnished - Available 1st November 2017



BYFIELD
£1,150 pcm
A charming detached four bedroomed spacious family home situated in the heart of this well served village location.

| entrance hallway cloakroom | spacious fully fitted kitchen/diner | lounge | three double bedrooms | one single bedroom | family bathroom | garage | parking | good sized gardens.

Energy Rating D
Unfurnished - Available End October 2017

**DRAYTON** £850 pcm

A spacious two bedroomed detached property situated in this popular village West of Banbury.

| hallway | lounge | dining room | kitchen | rear porch | family bathroom | two double bedrooms | rear garden | front garden | driveway.

Energy Rating

Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**COOPERS GATE** £895 pcm

Available soon, this newly decorated/carpeted two bedroomed semi detached house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular residential area close to Banbury town centre.

| hallway | kitchen with white goods | lounge | two double bedrooms | brand new bathroom | well stocked garden to the rear | garage and off road parking

Energy Rating Pending

Unfurnished - Available Soon

**CHAMBERLAINE COURT** £650 pcm

A well presented, freshly decorated one bedroomed retirement flat conveniently situated on the outskirts of Banbury town centre.

| hallway | good sized lounge/dining room | kitchen | newly fitted shower room | double bedroom with built in wardrobe | parking | over 55's only.

Energy Rating Pending

Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**OXFORD ROAD** £1,395 pcm

A beautifully well presented spacious four bedroomed semi detached house with a separate annexe located close to Banbury town centre.

| hallway | lounge | dining room | fitted kitchen with integrated appliances | cloakroom | two shower rooms | three double bedrooms | one single bedroom | off street parking for several cars | large well established rear garden

Annexe - lounge | double bedroom | shower room.

Energy Rating D

Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**SHENNINGTON** £895 pcm

A pretty stone cottage next to The Bell Inn close to the picturesque green in this highly regarded conservation village.

| porch | kitchen/ dining room | sitting room | utility room | three bedrooms | bathroom | garage | courtyard garden.

Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**HOLLIES COURT** £725 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed top floor flat located within walking distance of Banbury town centre and the railway station.

| hallway | lounge | kitchen with integrated fridge | one double bedroom with built in wardrobe | single bedroom | bathroom | utility cupboard | garage | allocated parking space | further storage cupboard to the ground floor.

Energy Rating D

Part Furnished - Available Immediately

**LITTLE BOURTON** £800 pcm

A well presented two bedroomed semi detached cottage situated in a village North of Banbury with good access to the M40 motorway and Banbury town centre.

| hallway | lounge with open fireplace | fitted kitchen with appliances | family bathroom | two double bedrooms | good sized rear garden | on street parking.

Energy Rating E

Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**OXFORD ROAD** £795 pcm

A three bedroomed end of terraced victorian house situated within walking distance of Banbury town centre.

| living room | dining room | kitchen | two double bedrooms | one single bedroom | bathroom | small courtyard to rear.

Energy Rating D

Part Furnished - Available Immediately

**BARCOMBE CLOSE** £695 pcm

A well presented one bedroomed terraced house with new kitchen and bathroom, situated in this popular residential area to the north of Banbury

| lounge | kitchen | double bedroom | bathroom | garden | parking |

EPC Rating

Unfurnished - Available Immediately

**SHUTFORD** £1,150 pcm

A well presented, three bedroomed spacious detached bungalow located in a quiet position in this village to the West of Banbury.

| hallway | kitchen/dining room | lounge | three double bedrooms with en-suite shower room to the master bedroom | bathroom | conservatory | gardens to front and rear | garage | off road parking.

Energy Rating D

Unfurnished - Available 22nd August 2017

**WROXTON** £895 pcm

A three bedroomed stone cottage within a courtyard setting in this picturesque village to the North West of Banbury.

| large entrance hall | kitchen/breakfast room | sitting room | three double bedrooms with built in wardrobes

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PROPOSED CHANGE OF AGE RANGE AT HARDWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Oxfordshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Hardwick Primary School, Ferristown, Banbury, OX16 1XE from 01 January 2018.

The Local Authority, working with the Governing Body of the school, is proposing to alter Hardwick Primary School's age range from 4-11 to 2-11. This change will enable the school to take over and continue the early years and childcare provision on the site, previously run separately by the Children's Centre, which has closed.

This Notice is an extract from the full proposal, which can be viewed under the Current Consultations listings on the Oxfordshire County Council public website at **http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation**. Copies can also be requested by contacting:
Diane Cameron (School Organisation Officer)
Tel: 07795301254 or
Email: **diane.cameron@oxfordshire.gov.uk**
Oxfordshire County Council, Education Sufficiency & Access, 4th Floor, County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this Notice, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the Local Authority using the online feedback form located on the Oxfordshire County Council website as detailed above, or by email or post to the above addresses.

Signed: Lucy Butler, Director of Children's Services
Publication Date: 14 September 2017

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Finding happy mindset is child's play

NEVER mind growing up, it's time we grew down. We mean viewing the world through a toddler's eyes. A new book by Paul Lindley called *Little Wins: The Huge Power of Thinking Like a Toddler* suggests we can rediscover some of the creativity, imagination and determination we've lost by becoming adults.

If you work with children, as an early-years practitioner, foster carer, social worker, or childcare supervisor, you'll know how creative, imaginative, fearless and single-minded

kids can be. You'll also know how we sometimes lose those qualities as we age. So here are our suggestions for viewing the world of work like a child. See everything anew.

Kids love a new day because it means the start of endless possibilities. See each day like a clean slate and you might be surprised how much enjoyment you can find. Don't be afraid to change your mind. Toddlers do it all the time. Sometimes as adults we feel we need to stick to something just because

we've said we would, but it's okay to change course. Lose the fear. Toddlers are life's experimenters. They defy convention because they don't know it exists.

Don't be scared to give something a try. Just as a toddler can delight in a single purple crayon and a piece of paper (or a bedroom wall!), you can find some small joy in your daily routine. It could be the sunshine, that first sip of coffee in a morning or a delicious sandwich at lunch. You'll be amazed how much more you smile.



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